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Michelle Yeoh receives France's highest civilian honour

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French President François Hollande awarded Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh with France's highest civilian honour.

29 Mar – Tan Sri Dato' Seri Michelle Yeoh has been conferred her fourth award from France during French President François Hollande's recent visit to Malaysia.

The 54-year-old shared a photo of her with the French President on her Facebook after receiving the Commander of the Legion of Honour title at the Residence de France in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The title is the highest civilian honour awarded by the French government to a non-French citizen and requires a minimum of five years in the rank of Officer before acquiring it. The actress previously received the Officer of the Legion of Honour title from then-French President Nicolas Sarkozy in 2012.

Her first Legion of Honour title, Knight of the Legion of Honour, was awarded to her in 2007, which she received from the then-French ambassador to Malaysia, Alain du Boispean, in Kuala Lumpur.

The National Order of the Legion of Honour is the highest decoration in France and is divided into five distinct ranks: Knight, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer and Grand Cross, the latter two which are awarded only to French citizens.

The recipients are awarded the titles for their exemplary services rendered to France or to the causes supported by France. Yeoh is well-known not only for her acting but also charity work, as she was also appointed UNDP Goodwill Ambassador in 2016.

This is the actress' fourth award from the French government. Last year, Yeoh became the first Malaysian to receive the Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters award, presented to her by French Ambassador to Malaysia Christophe Penot, for her outstanding contribution to the movie industry.

Currently, Yeoh is busy filming the "Star Trek: Discovery" TV series and expected to start filming soon for Jon M. Chu-directed "Crazy Rich Asians" in Singapore this April.

(Photo source: Michelle Yeoh's Facebook)

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